## GM627

Measure

Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT GREIG, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Report

Title:

**Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board** 

Current

Referral:

CPH



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**Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs** 

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 5, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

On the following measure:
G.M. 627, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT GREIG,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Robert Greig's appointment to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board (Board).

Mr. Greig has been an elevator mechanic for about 10 years and has worked at KONE, Inc. for the last seven years. He is also an instructor at the National Elevator Industry Educational Program and helps new apprentices learn the elevator trade.

Outside of work, Mr. Greig serves in his church as security and participates in community service, including serving food to the homeless at River of Life.

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The Department believes that Mr. Greig's interest in serving on the Board, commitment to actively participate in board meetings, and knowledge of and experience in the profession will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





OF THE

## International Union of Elevator Constructors

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March 26, 2019

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania St., Room 230 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

I am honored to write a letter of recommendation for Robert Greig. I have known him going on close to a decade. I have found him to be a person of incredible integrity and honesty and during this time he has proven to be an invaluable friend and colleague.

I value Robert's opinion as well as his judgment and will often turn to him for advice. I have seen him develop into a leader due to his intelligence and skills. Through his hard work he has been able to garner the respect of not only myself but the industry as a whole.

Robert currently serves as the Vice-President of the International Union of Elevator Constructors, Local 126, as the Vice-Chair of the Local 126 Joint Apprenticeship Committee, and as an Instructor in our Apprenticeship Program where he is able to impart his knowledge and wisdom to the next generation of Elevator Constructors.

Robert has taken it upon himself to become familiar with the issues and concerns that face our industry and the Board because he wants to make a difference. His passion for the elevator industry is unmatched and it has driven him to look to serve on the Board as the next step in his evolution. He stands ready to provide the needed input and direction necessary to assist the Board in moving toward the goal of providing well trained and qualified elevator mechanics which in turn will provide a safer conveyance to the riding public.

Although he is yet to serve on the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Robert is well aware of the responsibilities, duties, and concerns facing the Board and for these reasons I am in strong support of his appointment to the Elevator Mechanic's Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

Marc Yamane

Business Representative – Financial Secretary

International Union of Elevator Constructors, Local 126

Steve Tsunemoto 11513 Sleepy Heaven Pl Las Vegas, NV 89138

March 25, 2019

Senator Rosalyn Baker Hawaii State Capitol, Rm 230 Honolulu, HI

Elevator Licensing Board recommendation for Robert (Tony) Greig

Aloha Senator Baker,

Please accept this letter as my recommendation for Tony Greig's appointment to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.

Tony is well versed in all aspects of the elevator trade, having attained leadership roles in International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 126 and as an instructor in the National Elevator Industry Apprenticeship Program. In all of his endeavors, I have witnessed commitment, diligence and competency as he performs the duties required to complete the tasks assigned to him.

I believe Tony will be an asset to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board and highly recommend his appointment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

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Retired Elevator Mechanic, former member of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.

March 29,2019

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker

Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Hawaii State Capital

415 South Beretania St. Room 230

Honolulu Hi 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing a letter of recommendation for Robert Greig.

He is a natural leader, who has a fantastic ability to communicate. He also carries a strong presence and has great confidence.

He is an amazing friend, great listener and has a great sense of humor.

I have worked with Robert, also. He has an outstanding work ethic and is always available to help others.

On a personal level, he has been a great support and we talk about life together quite frequently. Sharing struggles and encouragement to one another.

Certainly, a family man. Outstanding husband and father to his girls.

Robert takes all his responsibilities seriously. He is tireless in his pursuit to take on new Adventures and challenges.

He has a desire to uphold the level of expertise and professionalism necessary to assist the Elevator licensing board to continue to provide the highest standard of safety and training which is mandatory

To continue to provide the safest mode of vertical and horizontal people movement in a very specialized industry and trade.

It is without a doubt he will only be an asset to this Licensing Board.

Truly,

Mark Baker

Friend and Local 126 Elevator Constructor

From: Mary santa maria To: **CPH Testimony** 

Subject: GM526

Date: Friday, March 29, 2019 1:41:51 PM

Please know that Shirl Shumacher is a qualified medical interpreter who is an asset the the Language Advisory Council and will well represent Maui County, and other interpreters on the Council. Please approve her appointment to the Council

Mahalo,

Mary Santa Maria, M.P.H.

Former Maui representative to the Advisory Council

Retired medical interpreter trainer, and Public Health Educator for Maui District Health Office.